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SUMMARY; FRONT PAGE PHOTO COVERAGE SECRETARY AND MRS.  
KISSINGER WITH FM CHIAO IN POST AND SUN; STAR SAME PIC  
PAGE FIVE: NYTIMES FRONT PAGE SECRETARY AND DEPUTY PREMIER  
TENG TOPPED BY PIC DAVID WITH FM CHIAO.

WASHSTAR LEAD SAYS QUOTE CHINA TALKS LEISURELY AND  
TOTALLY SECRET END QUOTE. NYTIMES LEAD REPORTS HAK BRIEFS  
CHINESE ON PACT. SUN AND POST USE AP STORY ON SAME SUBJECT.  
KALB SAYS US AND CHINESE OFFICIALS TRYING RESOLVE FROZEN  
CHINESE ASSETS AND PRIVATE US CLAIMS AGAINST CHINESE GOVT.

#### NEWSPAPERS:

NYT, PAGE 1 - KISSINGER BEGAN FORMAL TALKS TODAY WITH  
CHINESE OFFICIALS AND INTERPRETED FOR THEM THE UNDER-  
STANDING ON LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS REACHED BY THE UNITED  
STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. ...

SEATED ON MR. KISSINGER'S RIGHT THROUGH THE THREE  
NEGOTIATING SESSIONS TODAY WAS DONALD RUMSFELD,  
PRESIDENT FORD'S TOP STAFF MAN. AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID  
THE WHITE HOUSE AIDE HAD COME ALONG AT THE LAST MINUTE  
IN ORDER TO GAIN SOME "EXPOSURE" TO CHINA. ...

SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO HINT AS TO HOW OR WHEN THE  
SENSITIVE SUBJECT OF TAIWAN WILL BE RAISED IN THIS WEEK'S  
TALKS. AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT NO MAJOR  
AGREEMENTS ARE IN THE OFFING HERE THIS WEEK.

ALTHOUGH HE FILLED THE CHINESE IN ON THE UNITED STATES-  
SOVIET TALKS IN VLADIVOSTOK; MR. KISSINGER HAD BEEN  
INSISTING THAT HIS VISIT HERE HAD BEEN ARRANGED BEFORE  
THE SUMMIT MEETING AND WAS NOT PLANNED TO REASSURE THEM. ...

THIS AFTERNOON PHILIP C. HABIB, AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF  
STATE, STARTED SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS ON QUESTIONS  
CONCERNING THE TWO COUNTRIES. THESE WERE NOT IDENTIFIED,  
BUT THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS THAT AN ATTEMPT WILL BE  
MADE HERE TO BREAK A DEADLOCK ON THE LONG-STANDING  
QUESTION OF AMERICAN CLAIMS IN CHINA AND FROZEN CHINESE  
ASSETS IN THE UNITED STATES. ...

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WASHSTAR, PAGE 1 - KISSINGER TALKS WITH CHINESE LEADERS CONTINUED TODAY IN ALMOST TOTAL SECRECY AND AT A PACE THAT SEEMS ALMOST LEISURELY. ....

WITHOUT FAIL, THE DIPLOMATIC DESCRIPTION, "THE ATMOSPHERE WAS VERY FRIENDLY," HAS BEEN THE MOST STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT ANDERSON WILL SAY ABOUT THE TALKS. THE CHINESE INFORMATION MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE EVEN LESS COMMUNICATIVE ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE.

ONE NEW PIECE OF HARD INFORMATION ABOUT THE SESSION EMERGED TODAY, HOWEVER, WITH THE DISCLOSURE THAT A THREE-MAN TEAM OF RANKING U.S. CHINA EXPERTS MET FOR 75 MINUTES YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITH CHINESE COUNTERPARTS TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL SPECIFICS OF SUBJECTS WHICH HAD BEEN COVERED MORE GENERALLY IN THE MAIN TALKS.

AGAIN, THERE WAS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ABOUT SUBJECT MATTER. ....

A CHIEF CANDIDATE FOR SUCH TREATMENT AT THE CURRENT PEKING TALKS IS THE 25-YEAR OLD PROBLEM OF AMERICAN ASSETS FROZEN IN CHINA AFTER THE REVOLUTION HERE, AND CHINESE ASSETS FROZEN IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE KOREAN WAR. ....

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUES GOES FAR BEYOND THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS, HOWEVER. UNTIL THE CLAIMS ARE SETTLED, THE FORD ADMINISTRATION WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCELERATE THE NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA BY EXTENDING TRADE CREDITS OR GRANTING CHINA THE SAME MOST-FAVORED-NATION TRADE PREFERENCE NOW TORTUOUSLY BEING WON BY THE SOVIET UNION IN THE NEW TRADE BILL.

KISSINGER AND HIS TOP CHINA SPECIALISTS BELIEVE THE ASSETS PROBLEM IS EASILY SOLVABLE ONCE THE POLITICAL DECISION IS MADE ON THE CHINESE SIDE TO AGREE. BUT UP TO NOW, IT HAS BEEN ASSUMED THAT THE CONTINUING U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON TAIWAN WOULD BLOCK READY PROGRESS HERE, AS IT HAS ON OTHER FRONTS.

BUT NO EARLIER ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT WHAT THE CHINESE WILL DO ARE NECESSARILY IN ORDER NOW. ....

THE REAL PROGRESS OF THE TALKS SO FAR IS VIRTUALLY UNFATHOMABLE.

THERE IS HARDLY EVEN A PRECISE SCHEDULE, AND AS A RULE THE NEXT SESSION OF TALKS IS ONLY ARRANGED TOWARD THE END OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION.

THE QUESTION OF WHETHER KISSINGER WILL MEET WITH CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG, AND IF SO, WHEN AND WHERE, REMAINS UNANSWERED. ....

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TV/RADIO

MARVIN KALB, CBS/TV, RADIO - FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW, AMERICAN AND CHINESE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO RESOLVE TWO STICKY AND RELATED QUESTIONS, FROZEN CHINESE ASSETS IN THE U.S., VALUED AT ABOUT EIGHTY MILLION DOLLARS, AND PRIVATE AMERICAN CLAIMS AGAINST THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, VALUED AT ABOUT TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. THE NEGOTIATIONS SO FAR HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL. IT WAS REVEALED TODAY THAT BOTH SIDES ARE MAKING A NEW EFFORT TO SETTLE THE TWO ISSUES. THIS IS, IN EFFECT, A SIDELINE NEGOTIATION TO THE MAIN ONE BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND TENG HSIAO-P'ING, THE DEPUTY PREMIER WHO IS SITTING IN FOR THE AILING CHOU EN LAI. KISSINGER AND TENG COMPLETING THEIR SECOND DAY OF TALKS AT A WORKING DINNER TONIGHT. THEIR FOCUS HAS BEEN ON WHAT THE CHINESE PERCEIVE TO BE A SOVIET THREAT AGAINST THEM AND ON THE BASIC UNRESOLVED QUESTION OF TAIWAN; NAMELY, WHEN WILL THE U.S. GOVT CUT ITS TIES WITH THE NATIONALIST CHINESE. THOSE TIES ARE ONLY NOT BEING CUT, THEY ARE BEING STRENGTHENED, TAIWAN THUS REMAINING THE OBSTACLE TO A RADICAL IMPROVEMENT IN CHINESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

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